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USFOL GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY OF CURACAO

On February 25th staff from the U.S. Forward Operating Location (USFOL) in Curacao donated computers to two worthy organizations on the island. A small group led by Chaplain, Captain Brad Phillips and Senior Master Sergeant Wendell Simms arrived around 9:00 AM to make the first donation of 13 computers to the Kolegio Annie Koenraad in Tera Kora. Principal Majorie Joseph was very excited about the tremendous impact and promise these computers will have for the 380 students that attend the primary school. She said, "These computers will be used for the students to learn language, math, and science in conjunction with the laptops already present in classrooms. The students will also be able to use the internet to research current events and other topics." The smiles on the faces of the children that morning told the whole story. It really IS the gift that will keep on giving to the futures of all Kolegio Annie Koenraad School students.

The second location for the computer donation was the Fundashon Amigunan di Cristo (Fuik Community Center). At this location, 15 computers were donated to be used in the community center and out in the community by teen students who are regular participants in the afterschool tutoring program offered Monday-Friday. Cesar Eman the president of the Fundashon Amigunan di Cristo foundation said, "This gift of computers from the USFOL will make a monumental difference in the lives of our students. For the first time, students will have the opportunity to complete their computer work at home. What a blessing!" Cesar and Emma Eman also offer an OANSA program on Sundays with more than 40 children & teens involved.

TRANSLATION

USFOL REGALO PA KOMMUNIDAT DI KORSOU.

Dia 25 di Februári e base militar Merikano FOL na Korsow a hasi un donashón na dos organisashonán digno riba nos isla. Mas o menos 9:00 di maínta, un grupo chikitu, dirigí pa Capelán Kapitán Brad Phillips i Promé Sargento Mayor Wendell Simms a yega pa hasi un donashon di 13 kompúter na Kolegio Annie Koenraad na Tera Kora.

E kabez di skol, Marjorie Joseph, tabata hópi konténtu ku e impáktio i promésa tremendo ku e kompúternan aki lo bai tin pa e 380 studiantenan ku ta bai e skol primario aki.

Ela bisa, “E kompúternan aki lo bai wordu usa pa siña e studiantenan lenga, matemática i siensia, juntu ku e laptopnan ku ya kaba tin den e klasnan. E studiantenan tambe lo per hasi uso di internet pa hasi investigashon riba evéntoran i otro tópiconan actual.”

E harí riba kara di e muchanan e mainta ei mes a konta tur e historia. Realidad ta ku e regalo mes lo keda duná pa futuro di tur e studiantenan di e Kolegio Annie Koenraad.

E siguiente lugá pa un donashon di kompúter tabata Fundashon Amigunan di Cristo. Akinan, 15 kompúter a wordu doná pa uso den e centro komunitario i den komunidád dor di hóben studiantenan ku regularmente ta partcipá den e programa di lésnan despues di skol duna Djaluna pa Djabierne.

Cesar Eman, e president di e Fundashon a bisa, “E regalo di e FOL Merikano lo hasi un diferensha hópi grandi den bida di nos studiantenan. Pa promé biahá e studiantenan lo por kompletá nan tareanan di kumpúter na kas. Esta un bendishon.” Cesar i Emma Eman támbe ta ofresé e programa OANSA riba Djadúmingu ku mas di 40 mucha i hóben enbolbí.

The U.S. FOL, 429th Expeditionary Operations Squadron, supports multinational aircraft operations that conduct detection, monitoring and tracking missions supporting counter-drug efforts in the region. USFOL Curaçao was formed as a result of an agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States whereby aircraft and crews deploy to the USFOL on a temporary basis to conduct mission operations. USFOL military and civilian personnel often volunteer their services in support of community projects and are pleased to partner with local agencies in reaching out to the people of Curaçao.

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